(c) Yes, Sir. The case was reviewed at Government level and it was considered that there was no scope for taking further action against the Asstt. Manager.

(d) Does not arise in view of the replies to parts (b) & (c) above.

Fire in Mokameh-Arrah Shuttle Train in Bihar

618. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 383 Up Mokameh-Arrah Shuttle passenger train caught fire on the 16th April, 1990, in Bihar due to leakage in a gas cylinder;

(b) if so, how the gas cylinder was permitted to be carried in the train;

(c) the number of persons burnt alive and injured in this fire in the said train;

(d) what steps are being taken to avoid such accidents in future; and

(e) whether Government would take effective steps to prevent carrying of hazardous materials in passenger trains;

(f) whether Government have set up an enquiry committee to probe the circumstances of the fire;

(g) if so, by when the said committee would submit its report to Government;

(h) the details of relief and compensation paid to the victims of accidents; and

(i) the steps Government have taken to provide safe journey to commuters throughout the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The accident is being inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety.

(c) 74 persons lost their lives in this accident and 50 sustained injuries including 18 grievous.

(d) An all round drive has been launched to prevent carriage of inflammable or explosive materials in passenger carrying trains by deploying officers and inspectors of different disciplines.

At major Railway stations, the travelling public is being advised, through public Address System, against hazards of carrying inflammable and explosive articles in passenger carrying trains.

Publicity campaign is also organised through Press, Rario, TV and Cinema slides, etc.

Surprise checks by railway officials in coordination with the GRP and RPF are also being conducted to detect explosive materials in passenger carrying trains.

(e) Instructions already exist against the carrying of inflammable material in passenger carrying trains and these have been reiterated for strict observance.

(f) Commissioner of Railway Safety is holding statutory inquiry into this accident.

(g) Commissioner of Railway Safety is independent of the Ministry of Railways and there is no time frame laid down for submission of his report.

(h) No compensation has been paid yet. Exgratia payment @ Rs. 10,000/- each, however, has been made in respect of 17 dead persons totalling Rs. 1.70,000/-. Rs. 2,000/- each was also paid to 18 grievously injured persons totalling Rs. 36.000/- and Rs. 500/- each to 31 persons who received simple injuries totalling Rs. 15,500/-.

(i) All out efforts are being made to ensure safe rail travel and to prevent accidents. Apart from the policy of speedy and deterrent punishment to

staff at fault for railway accidents, various preventive measures have been taken viz.,

(1) Intensification of field inspections and surprise checks by supervisors and officers to ensure observance of rules by train passing running staff and to prevent carriage of inflammable articles by passengers.

(2) Intensive counselling of staff by experienced officials and supervisors.

(3) Ambush checks in Automatic signalling sections are conducted to ensure that drivers follow rules rigidly.

(4) Fied checked are conducted to see that drivers do not exceed per-speed limits.

चीनी का उत्पादन

619. डा. सिंघवी : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले पिराई मौसम के अन्त तक देश में उत्पादित और आयातित चीनी का कुल कितना भंडार था ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान देश में चीनी की कुल वार्षिक खपत के बारे में भी कोई आकलन किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसकी अनुमानित मात्रा कितनी है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम पूजन पटेल) : (क) पिछले चीनी मौसम 1988–89 के अन्त तक स्वदेशी व आयातित चीनी का कुल स्टाक 13.37 लाख टन (अंतिम रूप से) था ।

(ख) और (ग) 1989–90 (अक्तूबर–सितम्बर) के चालू मौसम के दौरान आंतरिक उपभोग के लिये चीनी की अनुमानित आवश्यकता 104 लाख टन है ।

Change in the master Plan of Delhi

620. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times the Master Plan of Delhi has been changed and what are the reasons necessitating the change therein and its impact on the development programme; and

(b) what is the present position with regard to the NCR developmental programme and by when the Master Plan of Delhi is likely to be finalised and announced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Master Plan of Delhi approved in 1962 has not been changed. However Government had accorded approval to minor modifications in the Master Plan of Delhi in 170 cases till January, 1990. These involve minor changes in land use and amendments of the regulations, to meet the developmental requirements within the objectives of the Master Plan.

(b) Regional Plan for the Natinoal Capital Region came into force w.e.f. 23-1-89. This was formulated and approved by the National Capital region Planning Board, the membership of which includes representatives of all the constituent units. Comprehensive modification of the Master Plan of Delhi is presently under consideration of the Government.

निःशुल्क रेलवे पासों का दुरुपयोग

621. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री 4 मई, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 240 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों, सामाजिक बुद्धिजीवियों, राज-